

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2010
7:00 PM**

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 5, 2010.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 5, 2010 Sine Die Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,
Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the January 5, 2010 Reorganization Meeting minutes: Councilman
Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,
Zamechansky-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

The Borough had applied for a Federal Stimulus grant. The grant was submitted on time but the criteria then changed. Therefore, the application to install handicap accessible doors at the Library and Senior Center was denied. There is a \$53,000 amount left from the Veterans' Plaza project. Community Development Block Grant has approved the application to move the remaining grant money to be used for the handicap doors.

The collection rate on taxes this year is 98.75%; the highest collection since 2004.

The Borough is responsible for maintaining homes in foreclosure and vacant. The DPW maintains them and the Borough has collected the full amount of \$3,400.

BCUA has notified us that the Borough will be receiving \$1,382 in fees.

The Shade Tree Commission has been awarded a \$3,000 grant.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Caspare

Fire Department

The Councilman has been going to the various fire houses and introducing himself. He and Councilman Freeman will be meeting with the officers in the near future.

In December there were 25 alarms; 549 man hours.

- Councilman Freeman

Board of Education

There was a work session January 14th which dealt mainly with housecleaning issues. There were two applicants at that time for the vacancy.

- Councilman Manna

As of this date there have been 90 notices of intent to foreclose.

Finance

The committee will have their first meeting tomorrow night to review 2009 and look forward to 2010.

Police

The Communication/Dispatch Center handles 6,018 telephone calls.

The Patrol Division investigated 31 motor vehicle accidents.

The Detective Bureau investigated 65 criminal cases.

- Councilman Carrick

DPW

The Councilman met with Mr. Perkins and Mr. Ebenhack over the weekend.

There were 10 sewer jobs in the month of December.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

Tomorrow a representative from the Bergen County Coalition on Tenants' Rights will meet with them.

The seniors are scheduled to have a Super Bowl party, Valentine's Day party, Meet and Greet, St. Patrick's Day party and two trips to Atlantic City.

Recreation

There is currently signups for softball and baseball

The fields and huts projects are coming along well.

There is currently a problem with geese.

Celebrations

Plans are progressing for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Memorial Day Parade.

- Councilman Stylianou

Ambulance Corps

On January 29th Councilwoman Zamechansky, Mr. Perkins and he attended the installation dinner for the Dumont Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Joe Pavone was honored for his dedication and service.

Environmental Commission

The Councilman has reached out to the Chairman of the Commission.

Ethics Board

Councilman Stylianou will be attending the meeting Thursday night.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McHale met with our local VFW to discuss the upcoming Memorial Day festivities.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#10-53 PARIS Grant – Needs Assessment *

#10-54 Authorization of Alaimo Group to Complete Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for TwinBoro Field *

#10-55 Reappointment of Judy Parker to the Rent Leveling Board *

#10-56 Reappointment of Albert Taxter to the Rent Leveling Board *

#10-58 Thomas Pfeiffer – Accept Resignation from Dumont Truck Co. #2 *

#10-59 Michael Green – Accept Resignation from Dumont Truck Co. #2 *

#10-60 Paul Olivo – Fire Department Auxiliary *

#10-61 Reappointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator *

#10-62 Tax Appeal Settlement – Edro Associates-Block 1109, Lot 48 *

#10-63 Approval of Honiss PTA Raffle Application; ID#109-5-34953, RL#311; to be held March 6, 2010 *

#10-64 Approval of 2010 Municipal Alliance Grant Application *

#10-65 Transfer Between Budget Appropriations *

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Caspare

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Matthew Kruger of 111 Thompson Street asked for an explanation of Resolution #54 and environmental assessment of TwinBoro Field.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda Items

#10-52 Bills List

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

#10-57 Appointment of Rafael Riquelme to the Ethics Board

Motion to adopt: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Motion to open to the public on both resolutions: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen of 90 Teak Road addressed Resolution #10-57 and asked the process in the selection of volunteers. He passed out information regarding the Citizen Service Act.
2. Sabino Rodano of 111 Cresskill Avenue asked if there would be a conflict of interest with Mr. Riquelme being on the Ethics Board.
3. Matt Kruger of 111 Thompson Street addressed #57 expressing concern with conflict of interest. He also suggested that vacancies be posted in the TwinBoro.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Roll call vote on Resolution #10-52: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman,

Manna, Stylianou –yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky-abstain

Roll call vote on Resolution #10-57: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna,

Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Freeman-no

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1404 Bond Ordinance Amending Description of Bond Ordinance #1380-Parks and Fields Improvements

Park Improvements, including but not limited to Lightning Detection System for fields and parks, reconstruction of Babe Ruth Baseball Fields and other improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park, improvements to Memorial Park TwinBoro Field, and improvements to other Borough parks and fields, all said project to include all work, equipment, costs, improvements and appurtenances necessary therefore or related thereto.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,

Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to recess: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

The Governing Body reconvened in Executive Chambers.

Council President Stylianou read the resolution to go into closed session:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Caspare-absent (was not present for hearing January 12, 2010)

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Resolution #10-66-Gerald Davis-Termination of Employment with the Borough of Dumont

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk